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1. IT IS NOW SEVEN WEEKS SINCE REFTEL WAS SENT, SO IT IS OBVIOUSLY OF SOME CONCERN TO THE DEPARTMENT. ATHENS REGRETS POSING PROBLEMS BUT IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE ANNEX WORK PROGRESS AND THE STATUS OF REQUESTED ADDITIONAL FUNDING. SINCE REFTEL WAS SENT, SEVERAL OTHER EXTRA COST ITEMS HAVE APPEARED AS USIS TECHNICIANS GET DOWN TO THE SPECIFICS OF LOCATING 110 & 220 POWER OUTLETS, MORE WIRING, EXTENDING AUDIOVISUAL CABLES, AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS FOR THE PROJECTION ROOM, THEATER AND RECORDING AREAS. THESE ITEMS ARE NOT COVERED IN THE BASIC ELECTRICAL PLANS. FOR PARTICULARS SEE PARAGRAPH SIX.

2. EXCLUSIVE OF TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT, MOST NEEDED PARTS ARRIVED JANUARY 25TH. UNFORTUNATELY, THE 8 AIR HANDLER MOTORS WERE 3 PHASE, NOT SINGLE PHASE AS PROVIDED FOR IN PLAN M-1, REV 2, AND THE POWER LINES MUST BE REWIRED. SOME WORK HAS BEEN STALLED BUT MORE HAS BEEN REDIRECTED WHILE AWAITING THE DEVELOPMENT OF REQUIRED
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SPECIFIC AND DETAILED INFORMATION FROM USIS TECHNICIANS. THE LAST OF THESE ADDITIONAL EXTRA COST REFINEMENTS WERE GIVEN TO GSO ON JANUARY 30TH. THE CONSTRUCTION PACE WILL ACCELERATE WHEN THE CONTRACTOR IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED. PLANS AND ESTIMATES ARE BEING DEVELOPED AND FUNDING WILL BE REQUESTED.

3. NO DOUBT, THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE THAT THE LACK OF PLANS,

MATERIAL, ETC., CAN ADVERSELY AFFECT SEVERAL OTHER PROJECTS. HOWEVER, ALL CONSIDERED, THE HARRIED AND FRUSTRATED CONTRACTOR IS ADAPTING TO WORKING THROUGH AND AROUND FLOODS AND OTHER NATURAL CATASTROPHES, UNUSUALLY COLD WEATHER, STRIKES (WHICH MAY YET PROVE SERIOUS), AND DELAYS CAUSED BY THE LACK OF EQUIPMENT AND SPECIFIC DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS.

4. PLEASE ADVISE STATUS OF FUNDING OF ITEMS IN P 4-A), B) C), D), F), AND G) IN REFTEL. ALSO, BE ADVISED POST HAS NOT RECEIVED PLANS FOR PAO'S AUDIO VISUAL WALL, USIA'S COLOR SELECTIONS AND DESIGN FOR USIS'S FIRST AND SECOND FLOOR ENTRANCE, SEE P 2H) AND I) AND P 3-B) OF REFTEL. ALL ARE NEEDED SOONEST. WITH CONCURRENCE OF GSO AND USIS, CONTRACTOR IS COMPLETING THE BASIC WORK IN THE PROJECTION BOOTH SO THESE PLANS ARE NOT REQUIRED. SEE 3-A) OF REFTEL. EXCEPT FOR PLAN S 10 A, THE SCHEMATICS AND DRAWINGS FOR THE AIR HANDLERS AND CHILLER CONTROL INSTALLATION HAVE NOT ARRIVED. PLEASE EXPEDITE

5. MISSING PARTS THAT ARE CAUSING INCONVENIENCE AND DELAYS ARE:

- A) THREE OF EIGHT 3-WAY VALVE MOTORS FOR THE AIR HANDLERS
- B) ALL FILTERS FOR THE 8 AIR HANDLERS AND ONE PUMP
- C) FLEXIBLE PIPE TO CONNECT THE 8 AIR HANDLERS TO THE COLD WATER PIPES

6. EXTRA COST ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN ORIGINAL PLANS BUT REQUIRED
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BY USIS SINCE SUBMISSION OF REFTEL.

- A) EXTEND AUDIO VISUAL CABLE TO ANNEX 1ST AND 2ND FLOORS
 - B) ADDITIONAL PLATFORM WORK IN PROJECTION ROOM.
 - C) ADDITIONAL ELECTRICAL WIRING AND RELATED CONTROLS IN PROJECTION ROOM, WIRING FOR LOUDSPEAKER, MICROPHONE, DIMMER, AND INSTALLATION OF 110 V OUTLETS
 - D) INSTALLATION OF 110 VOLT OUTLETS NEXT TO EXISTING 220 VOLT OUTLETS IN FOLLOWING USIS ROOMS: NOS 3, 16, 17, 24, 26 AND 27.
 - E) CHANGE POWER WIRING FROM ONE TO TWO PHASE AND INSTALL TRANSFER SWITCH IN RECORDING STUDIO. CONNECT VIDEO CABLE FROM STUDIO TO ROOMS 24 AND 25. CONNECT AUDIO CABLE FROM STUDIO TO ROOM 3
- COST FOR THE ABOVE ARE BEING NEGOTIATED WITH THE CONTRACTOR AND WILL BE FORWARDED SOONEST. NATURALLY, EARLY REVIEW AND FUNDING IS MOST IMPORTANT.

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7. AS LATE AS YESTERDAY REQUESTS FOR MODIFICATIONS SURFACED FROM THE MEDICAL AND LANGUAGE UNITS. A COUPLE OF THEM NEEDED TO BE DONE AT THIS STAGE OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND THE EMBASSY WILL PAY THE CONTRACTOR AND ABSORB THE COSTS. OTHERS CAN BE DELAYED AND WILL BE DONE BY EMBASSY ARTISANS AND THE COSTS BORNE BY THE EMBASSY. THE ATHENS POWER COMPANY JUST ADVISED US THAT A DEPOSIT (ABOUT \$2000 WHICH WE WILL FUND) IS REQUIRED FOR THE METERS BEING INSTALLED. OTHER SMALL EXTRA COSTS ITEMS HAVE SURFACED SINCE THE SUBMISSION OF THE REFTEL, ALL OF WHICH WE HAVE ASSIMILATED. THE DESIGN OF THE ANNEX IS NOW FROZEN.

8. FOR OC/PE AND RCO, KARACHI (NOT ON DISTRIBUTION OF REFTEL).

A) OTE RESCINDED ITS PERMISSION TO LAY 20 TIE LINES FROM THE EMBASSY TO THE ANNEX. POST MUST NOW OBSERVE OTE INSTRUCTIONS TO UTILIZE CITY EXCHANGES FOR TIE LINES. WE WILL NOT, REPEAT NOT, REQUIRE THE 1000 FT OF 50 PAIR OF TELEPHONE CABLING FOR WHICH FUNDING WAS REQUESTED IN ATHENS 0082. INSTALLATION CHARGES WILL BE ABOUT \$100 AND THE MONTHLY COST TO LEASE THE LINES IS \$400.00

B) POST IS OBTAINING BID TO LAY 3 INCH STEEL PIPE FOR THE TELEPHONE CABLES FROM THE SIDEWALK TO THE ANNEX TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT ROOM AND TO INSTALL 2 MANHOLES FOR ACCESS TO POINTS WHERE THE PIPE BENDS AT ACUTE ANGLES.

C) POST HAS OBTAINED A DETAILED NEGOTIATED BID FOR PREPARATION OF THE TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT ROOM INCLUDING WIRING,
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AIR CONDITIONING, POWER LINES, OUTLETS, LIGHTING, NEW GROUNDING, NEW 3 PHASE POWER LINE, SWITCHBOARD, FRAME, CABLE, CABLE HOUSING BOX, STRUCTURAL MODIFICATIONS (DOORS/WALL), PLASTERING AND TILES. TOTAL COST IS \$5955.00 AND THE CONTRACTOR HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED.

D) POST HAS A DETAILED NEGOTIATED BID TO INSTALL TELEPHONE WIRING AND PULL-BOXES INSIDE THE WALLS THROUGHOUT THE ANNEX. THE BID

INCLUDES ALL NECESSARY STEEL AND PLASTIC CONDUITS FOR 85 TELEPHONE
OUTLETS, FLOOR TERMINAL BOXES AND PLASTERING OF WALLS. TOTAL COST IS
\$12,265 AND THE CONTRACTOR HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED

E) COSTS FOR ITEMS 8 A) THRU D) ABOVE WILL BE INCURRED BY
THE EMBASSY AND REFLECTED IN ITS FORTHCOMING FINANCIAL PLAN FOR
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